

REMARKS

The Office examined claims 1-10 and rejected same. With this paper, the independent claims (1 and 6) are amended. Claims 1-10 remain in the application.

Rejections for statutory double patenting

At section 2 of the Office action, claims 1-10 are rejected for double patenting under 35 USC 101. With this paper all the independent claims are amended to include as a limitation that the data is received from or output to an optical communication medium. Support is at page 13, line 20. Accordingly, applicant respectfully requests that the rejections under 35 USC 101 be withdrawn.

Conclusion


For all the foregoing reasons it is believed that all of the claims of the application are in condition for allowance and their passage to issue is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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